

**PAC To Call 7 Ministries And Agencies To Explain Weak Financial Management**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 24 (Bernama) -- The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) today decided to call seven ministries and government agencies to explain their weak financial management.

Its chairman Datuk Seri Azmi Khalid said the seven were the Health Ministry, Energy, Green Technology and Water Ministry, Transport Ministry, Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry, Inland Revenue Board, Customs Department and National Stadium Corporation.

Azmi said these ministries and agencies would be called to explain based on the recommendations made by the Auditor-General's Report 2010, and the PAC would decide next week whether to call some other ministries and agencies for the same purpose.

Overall, the financial performance of the government (federal and states) ending Dec 31, 2010 had improved from the previous year, Azmi told reporters after chairing the PAC management committee meeting at Parliament building, here.

He said 43 ministries and government agencies received the highest rating of four stars (very good) for 2010 compared to 16 for 2009.

Azmi said no ministry nor agency received a red star, indicating a financial management performance of below 49 per cent.

"From the 172 cases of weak financial management recorded in the 2008 audit report, 98 per cent of them were resolved and 88 per cent resolved in 2009," he added.

Auditor-General Tan Sri Ambrin Buang who also attended the PAC meeting, told reporters that each ministry and agency had different problems from those of others, but the parties involved would take action to address the financial management weakness.

He said the PAC's move of calling the seven ministries and agencies to explain was appropriate in efforts to improve the government's financial management.

Besides that, the Auditor-General's Department found the secretary-generals of the ministries and department heads in the government agencies to be more conscious of sound financial management than in previous years.

In fact, Ambrin said, the financial management accountability index for all ministries and state treasury, introduced in 2008 to check flaws in managing public funds had shown positive results.

"This is the outcome of the financial management courses attended by staff of ministries and government agencies. The department finds the financial management of each ministry improving from year to year," he said.

When asked about the national debt, Ambrin said it was under control as the country's Gross Domestic Product was on the rise.

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